



Docket No.: 1466.1025

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re the Application of:

Hitoshi HIRAKAWA et al.

Serial No. 09/771,583

Group Art Unit: 2673

Confirmation No. 2673

Filed: January 30, 2001

Examiner: Kent Wu Chang

For: METHOD FOR DRIVING PDP AND DRIVING APPARATUS

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
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Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

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Sir:

Please AMEND the above-identified application, as follows:

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# REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE)

## TRANSMITTAL

(INCLUDING FILING FEE AND/OR PETITION FOR  
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Subsection (b) of 35 U.S.C. §132, effective May 29, 2000  
provides for continued examination of a utility or plant application  
filed on or after June 8, 1995.

See The American Inventors Protection Act of 1999 (AIPA)

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Attorney Docket No.: 1466.1025

First Named Inventor	Hitoshi HIRAKAWA et al.		
Application No.	09/771,583	Group Art Unit	2673
Filing Date	January 30, 2001	Examiner	Kent Wu Chang
CPA Filing Date		Confirmation No	2673
Title of Invention	METHOD FOR DRIVING PDP AND DRIVING APPARATUS		

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. §1.114 of the above-identified application.

**NOTE:** 37 C.F.R. §1.114 is effective on May 29, 2000. If the above-identified application was filed prior to May 29, 2000, applicant may wish to consider filing a continued prosecution application (CPA) under 37 C.F.R. §1.53(d) (PTO/SB/29) instead of a RCE to be eligible for the patent term adjustment provisions of the AIPA. See Changes to Application Examination and Provisional Application Practice, Interim Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 14865 (March 20, 2000), 1233 Off. Gaz. Pat. Office 47 (Apr. 11, 2000), which established RCE practice.

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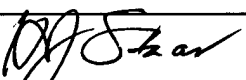
**Submission required under 37 C.F.R. §1.114 (Box a or b must be completed)**

- a. ☐ Previously submitted
- i. ☐ Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 previously filed on \_\_\_\_  
(Any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered).
- ii. ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on \_\_\_\_
- iii. ☐ Other
- b. ☒ Enclosed
- i. ☒ Amendment/Reply
- ii. ☐ Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)
- iii. ☒ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)
- iv. ☐ Other

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**Miscellaneous**

- a. ☐ Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. §103(c) for a period of \_\_\_\_ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 C.F.R. §1.17(i) required).
- b. ☐ Other

		BASIC FEE		\$	770.00
Since an Official Action set an original due date of <u>December 9, 2003</u> , petition is hereby made for an extension of time to cover the date this RCE is filed, for which the requisite fee is enclosed (1 month (\$110); 2 months (\$420); 3 months (\$950); 4 months (\$1,480); 5 months (\$2,010)):					0.00
Suspension Fee (\$130.00)					0.00
Total of above Calculations =				\$	770.00
Reduction by 50% for filing by small entity (Note 37 C.F.R. 1.9, 1.27, 1.28).					
TOTAL FEES DUE =				\$	770.00
4. <input type="checkbox"/> Small entity status: a. <input type="checkbox"/> Verified Statement Claiming Small Entity Status. b. <input type="checkbox"/> A Verified Statement Claiming Small Entity Status was previously filed and such status is still proper and desired. c. <input type="checkbox"/> is no longer claimed. 5. <input type="checkbox"/> Other:					
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<b>6. METHOD OF PAYMENT</b>					
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> A check in the amount of \$ <u>770.00</u> is enclosed. <input type="checkbox"/> Charge "TOTAL FEES DUE" to Deposit Account No. 19-3935. (A duplicate copy of this form is enclosed.)					
<b>7. GENERAL AUTHORIZATION</b>					
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> The Commissioner is hereby authorized to credit any overpayment or charge any additional fees under 37 C.F.R. 1.16 (filing fees) or 37 C.F.R. 1.17 (processing fees) during the prosecution of this application and of any related application(s) claiming benefit hereof pursuant to 35 U.S.C. §120 to maintain pendency hereof and of any such related application to: <b>Deposit Account No. 19-3935.</b>					
<b>8. CORRESPONDENCE ADDRESS</b>					
STAAS & HALSEY LLP  <b>21171</b> PATENT TRADEMARK OFFICE					
<b>9. SIGNATURE OF ATTORNEY OR AGENT REQUIRED</b>					
NAME		H.J. Staas		REGISTRATION NO.	22,010
SIGNATURE				DATE	December 9, 2003

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**REPLY/AMENDMENT  
FEE TRANSMITTAL**

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AMOUNT ENCLOSED

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Examiner Name

Kent Wu Chang

**FEE CALCULATION (fees effective 10/01/03)**

CLAIMS AS AMENDED	Claims Remaining After Amendment	Highest Number Previously Paid For	Number Extra	Rate	Calculations
TOTAL CLAIMS	12	- 20 =	0	X \$ 18.00 =	\$ 0.00
INDEPENDENT CLAIMS	5	- 4 =	1	X \$ 86.00 =	86.00
Since an Official Action set an <u>original</u> due date of <u>December 9, 2003</u> , petition is hereby made for an extension to cover the date this reply is filed for which the requisite fee is enclosed (1 month (\$110); 2 months (\$420); 3 months (\$950); 4 months (\$1,480); 5 months (\$2,010)):					0.00
If Notice of Appeal is enclosed, add (\$320.00)					0.00
If Statutory Disclaimer under Rule 20(d) is enclosed, add fee (\$110.00)					0.00
Information Disclosure Statement (Rule 1.17(p)) (\$180.00)					
Total of above Calculations =					\$ 86.00
Reduction by 50% for filing by small entity (37 CFR 1.9, 1.27 & 1.28)					
TOTAL FEES DUE =					\$ 86.00

(1) If entry (1) is less than entry (2), entry (3) is "0".

(2) If entry (2) is less than 20, change entry (2) to "20".

(4) If entry (4) is less than entry (5), entry (6) is "0".

(5) If entry (5) is less than 3, change entry (5) to "3".

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- ☐ No payment is enclosed and no charges to the Deposit Account are authorized at this time (unless specifically required to obtain a filing date).

**GENERAL AUTHORIZATION**

- ☒ If the above-noted "AMOUNT ENCLOSED" is not correct, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to credit any overpayment or charge any additional fees necessary to:
- Deposit Account No. 19-3935
- Deposit Account Name STAAS & HALSEY LLP
- ☒ The Commissioner is also authorized to credit any overpayments or charge any additional fees required under 37 CFR 1.16 (filing fees) or 37 CFR 1.17 (processing fees) during the prosecution of this application, including any related application(s) claiming benefit hereof pursuant to 35 USC § 120 (e.g., continuations/divisionals/CIPs under 37 CFR 1.53(b) and/or continuations/divisionals/CPAs under 37 CFR 1.53(d)) to maintain pendency hereof or of any such related application.

SUBMITTED BY: STAAS &amp; HALSEY LLP

Typed Name	H.J. Staas	Reg. No.	22,010
Signature		Date	December 9, 2003

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